

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Monto H. KUMAGAI, *et al.*

Application No. 09/359,300

Filed: July 21, 1999

For: **METHOD OF DETERMINING THE
PRESENCE OF A TRAIT IN A PLANT
BY TRANSFECTING A NUCLEIC
ACID SEQUENCE OF A NON-PLANT
DONOR INTO A HOST PLANT IN A
POSITIVE ORIENTATION**



Art Unit: 1636

Examiner: Leffers Jr., G.

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a Response to the Office Action dated April 26, 2000. The response is submitted prior to or including the extended due date of **September 26, 2000**. A petition for two-month extension of time and the requisite fee is enclosed herewith. The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the amendments and reconsider the application.

THE AMENDMENT**In the Specification**

On page 22, line 8, after "No." change "___" to --09 359,303--.

On page 43, line 2, after "FIGURE 3" add --(SEQ. ID. NOS: 13 AND 14)--.

On page 45, line 7, change "(SEQ ID NO: 13)" to --(SEQ ID NO. 15)--.

On page 45, line 9, change "(SEQ ID NO: 14)" to --(SEQ ID NO. 16)--.